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1. An article design creating system comprising:
means for providing parts digital information indicating article constituent parts which can be provided from an article supplier to a consumer and design software for combining the parts digital information through information communication means;
means for receiving article original design information which was created by the consumer by combining the parts digital information, using the design software and the parts digital information which were provided from the consumer to the article supplier; and
means for producing an article based on the original design information provided from the consumer to the article supplier.
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3. An article design creating method comprising:
a process for providing parts digital information indicating article constituent parts which can be provided from an article supplier to a consumer, and design software for combining the parts digital information through information communication means;
a process for receiving article original design information which was created by the consumer by combining the parts digital information, using the design software and the part digital information which were provided from the consumer to the article supplier; and
a process for producing an article based on the original design information provided from the consumer to the article supplier.
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10. (AMENDED) An article design creating method as claimed in claim 3, further comprising a process for checking situation of production of the article which was ordered by the consumer through the information communication network.

~~11. (AMENDED) An article design creating method as claimed in claim 3, further comprising a process for acquiring situation of production of the article stored in the computer at the article supplier by executing access to the computer by the consumer.~~

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14. A computer readable storage medium storing a program to execute the following processes which include:

a process for providing parts digital information which indicates an article constituent parts for creating article design to the consumer;

a process for selecting the parts digital information which corresponds to the article design desired by the consumer from the parts digital information provided by the consumer; and

a process for recording the parts digital information selected by the consumer on a predetermined storage medium.

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16. A watch design creating system comprising:

means for sending creation service for watch design information from a clock maker to a consumer through an information communication means;

means for receiving design software for the watch design and parts digital information indicating watch constituent parts, these being requested from the consumer to the clock maker through a predetermined

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communication means;

means for providing parts digital information which can be provided from the clock maker to the consumer and design software for combining the parts digital information through the information communication means;

means for receiving watch original design information which was created by the consumer by combining the parts digital information, using the design software and the part digital information which were provided from the consumer to the watch maker;

means for accepting production of the watch requested from the consumer to the clock maker, based on the original design information created by the consumer; and

means for producing the watch based on the original design information provided from the consumer to the clock maker, and providing a completed watch to the consumer.

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18. A watch design creating system comprising:

means for sending creation service for watch design information from a clock maker to a consumer through an information communication means;

means for receiving design software for the watch design and parts digital information indicating watch constituent parts, these being requested from the consumer to the clock maker through a predetermined communication means;

means for providing a storage medium storing parts digital information which can be provided from the clock maker to the consumer, and design software for combining the parts digital information;

means for receiving watch original design

means for accepting production of the watch requested from the consumer to the clock maker, by recording the original design information created by the consumer into the storage medium and by sending the storage medium; and

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a process for sending creation service for watch design information from a clock maker to a consumer through an information communication means;

~~a process for receiving design software for the watch design and parts digital information indicating watch constituent parts, these being requested from the consumer to the clock maker through a predetermined communication means;~~

a process for providing the parts digital

information which can be provided from the clock maker to the consumer, and design software for combining the parts digital information through the information communication means;

a process for receiving watch original design information which was created by the consumer by combining the parts digital information, using the design software and the part digital information;

a process for accepting production of the watch requested from the consumer to the clock maker, based on the original design information created by the consumer; and

a process for producing the watch based on the original design information which was received from the consumer, and providing a completed watch to the consumer.

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24. A watch design creating method comprising:

a process for sending creation service for watch design information from a clock maker to a consumer through an information communication means;

a process for receiving design software for the watch design and parts digital information indicating watch constituent parts, these being requested from the consumer to the clock maker through a predetermined communication means;

a process for providing a storage medium storing parts digital information which can be provided from the clock maker to the consumer, and design software for combining the parts digital information through the information communication means;

a process for receiving watch original design information which was created by the consumer by setting the storage medium into his own personal computer

and by combining the parts digital information, using the design software stored in the storage medium and the part digital information which were independently created by the consumer himself;

a process for accepting production of the watch requested from the consumer to the clock maker, by recording the original design information created by the consumer into the storage medium and by sending the storage medium; and

a process for producing the watch based on the original design information which was recorded into the predetermined storage medium sent from the consumer to the clock maker, and providing a completed watch to the consumer.

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30. A watch design creating method as claimed in claim 22 or 24, further comprising a process for confirming color tone designated by the consumer and actual color tone in the completed watch in accordance with confirmation request from the consumer.

31. A watch design creating method as claimed in claim 22 or 24, further comprising a process for displaying in layers, a completed figure, pattern groups of watch constituent parts, and designation of parts, on the screen when creating the original design information by the consumer.

32. A watch design creating method as claimed in claim 31, wherein the watch constituent parts are sequentially and selectively displayed on the screen from large group to small group when the consumer creates the original design information.

33. A watch design creating method as claimed in claim 31, wherein an enlarged view of the completed watch is displayed on the screen when the consumer creates the original design information.

34. A watch design creating method as claimed in claim 30, wherein the clock maker receives the colors designated by the consumer, prints a plurality of colors close to the designated colors at the same time, and provides printed documents for confirmation to the consumer.

35. A watch design creating method as claimed in claim 31, wherein a plurality of completed watches are displayed on the same screen to be compared with one another when the consumer creates the original design information.

36. A watch design creating method as claimed in claim 22 or 24, wherein at least one message is input to a dial-plate on the screen through a keyboard when the consumer creates the original design information.

37. A watch design creating method as claimed in claim 36, wherein, location, number, length, font and

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color, of the message are designated on the dial-plate on the screen when the consumer creates the original design information.

38. A watch design creating method as claimed in claim 22 or 24, wherein a plurality of sample patterns are displayed on the same display when the consumer creates the original design information.

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42. A computer readable storage medium storing a program
to ~~execute the following processes which include:~~

a process for providing parts digital information
which indicates watch constituent parts for creating watch
design to a consumer;

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a process for selecting the parts digital information which corresponds to the watch design desired by the consumer from the parts digital information provided by the consumer; and

a process for recording the parts digital information selected by the consumer onto a predetermined storage medium.

43. A computer readable storage medium as claimed in claim 42, wherein, at least, dial-plate information, hands information, watch case information, color information, watch band information, buckle information, time indicator information, and message information, are recorded as the parts digital information.

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45. (ADDED) An article design creating system for creating article design original information by combining parts digital information, using parts design information indicating article constituent parts and design software to combine the parts design information, characterized in that a message independently created by a consumer is added to one of article constituent parts in the parts digital information.

46. (ADDED) An article design creating system for creating article design original information by combining parts digital information, using parts design information indicating article constituent parts and design software to combine the parts design information, characterized in that parts digital information independently created by a consumer is added to one of article constituent parts in the parts digital information.

47. (ADDED) An article design creating system for creating article design original information by combining parts digital information, using parts design information indicating article constituent parts and design software to combine the parts design information, characterized in that materials of article constituent parts in the parts digital information are selected by a consumer.

48. (ADDED) An article design creating system for creating article design original information by combining parts digital information, using parts design information indicating article constituent parts and design software to combine the parts design information, characterized in that mechanical functions of article constituent parts in the parts digital information are selected by a consumer.

49. (ADDED) An article design creating system as claimed in any one of claims 45 to 48, wherein the design software includes design basic information.

50. (ADDED) An article design creating method for creating article design original information by combining parts digital information, using parts design information indicating article constituent parts and design software to

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combine the parts design information, characterized in that a message independently created by a consumer is added to one of article constituent parts in the parts digital information.

51. (ADDED) An article design creating method for creating article design original information by combining parts digital information, using parts design information indicating article constituent parts and design software to combine the parts design information, characterized in that parts digital information independently created by a consumer is added to one of article constituent parts in the parts digital information.

52. (ADDED) An article design creating method for creating article design original information by combining parts digital information, using parts design information indicating article constituent parts and design software to combine the parts design information, characterized in that materials of article constituent parts in the parts digital information are selected by a consumer.

53. (ADDED) An article design creating method for creating article design original information by combining parts digital information, using parts design information indicating article constituent parts and design software to combine the parts design information, characterized in that mechanical functions of article constituent parts in the parts digital information are selected by a consumer.

54. (ADDED) An article design creating method as claimed in any one of claims 50 to 53, wherein the design software includes design basic information.

55. (ADDED) A computer readable storage medium storing a program to execute the following processes which include:

a process for providing parts digital information which indicates article constituent parts for creating article design to a consumer; and

a process for selecting the parts digital information which corresponds to the article design desired by the consumer from the parts digital information provided by the

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56. (ADDED) A computer readable storage medium storing a program to execute the following processes which include:

- a process for providing parts digital information which indicates article constituent parts for creating article design to a consumer; and
- a process for selecting the parts digital information which corresponds to the article design desired by the consumer from the parts digital information provided by the consumer, and for adding parts digital information independently created by the consumer to one of the article constituent parts in the parts digital information.

a process for providing parts digital information which indicates article constituent parts for creating article design to a consumer; and

a process for selecting the parts digital information which corresponds to the article design desired by the consumer from the parts digital information provided by the consumer, and for selecting materials of article constituent parts in the parts digital information by the consumer.

a process for providing parts digital information which indicates article constituent parts for creating article design to a consumer; and

a process for selecting the parts digital information which corresponds to the article design desired by the consumer from the parts digital information provided by the consumer, and for selecting mechanical functions of article constituent parts in the parts digital information by the consumer.

59. (ADDED) A computer readable storage medium storing a program to execute the following processes which include:

a process for providing parts digital information which indicates watch constituent parts for creating watch design to a consumer; and

a process for selecting the parts digital information which corresponds to the watch design desired by the consumer from the parts digital information provided by the consumer, and for adding a message independently created by the consumer to one of watch constituent parts in the parts digital information.

60. (ADDED) A computer readable storage medium storing a program to execute the following processes which include:

a process for providing parts digital information which indicates watch constituent parts for creating watch design to a consumer; and

a process for selecting the parts digital information which corresponds to the watch design desired by the consumer from the parts digital information provided by the consumer, and for adding parts digital information independently created by the consumer to one of watch constituent parts in the parts digital information.

61. (ADDED) A computer readable storage medium storing a program to execute the following processes which include:

a process for providing parts digital information which indicates watch constituent parts for creating watch design to a consumer; and

a process for selecting the parts digital information which corresponds to the watch design desired by the consumer from the parts digital information provided by the consumer, and for selecting materials of watch constituent parts in the parts digital information by the consumer.

62. (ADDED) A computer readable storage medium storing a program to execute the following processes which include:

a process for providing parts digital information which indicates watch constituent parts for creating watch design to a consumer; and

a process for selecting the parts digital information which corresponds to the watch design desired by the consumer

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from the parts digital information provided by the consumer, and for selecting mechanical functions of watch constituent parts in the parts digital information by the consumer.

63. A computer readable storage medium as claimed in any one of claims 59 to 62, wherein, at least, dial-plate information, hands information, watch case information, color information, watch band information, buckle information, time indicator information, and message information, are recorded as the parts digital information.

64. (ADDED) An article design creating system comprising the following processes executed in a computer, which include:

a process for providing parts digital information which indicates article constituent parts for creating article design to a consumer; and

a process for selecting the parts digital information which corresponds to the article design desired by the consumer from the parts digital information provided by the consumer, and for adding a message independently created by the consumer to one of article constituent parts in the parts digital information.

65. (ADDED) An article design creating system comprising the following processes executed in a computer, which include:

a process for providing parts digital information which indicates article constituent parts for creating article design to a consumer; and

a process for selecting the parts digital information which corresponds to the article design desired by the consumer from the parts digital information provided by the consumer, and for adding parts digital information independently created by the consumer to one of article constituent parts in the parts digital information.

66. (ADDED) An article design creating system comprising the following processes executed in a computer, which include:

a process for providing parts digital information which indicates article constituent parts for creating article design to a consumer; and

a process for selecting the parts digital information which corresponds to the article design desired by the consumer from the parts digital information provided by the consumer, and for selecting materials of article constituent parts in the parts digital information by the consumer.

67. (ADDED) An article design creating system comprising the following processes executed in a computer, which include:

a process for providing parts digital information which indicates article constituent parts for creating article design to a consumer; and

a process for selecting the parts digital information which corresponds to the article design desired by the consumer from the parts digital information provided by the consumer, and for selecting mechanical functions of article constituent parts in the parts digital information by the consumer.

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